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FOR VANCE (S/NM) AND DEA FROM AMBASSADOR

1. OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASING SIGNS THAT SIERRA LEONEANS, FROM THE PRESIDENT THROUGH THE JUDICIARY TO THE GENERAL MIDDLE AND UPPER CLASSES, HAVE GROWN INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE USE OF DRUGS BY LOCAL YOUTH, PRINCIPALLY MARIJUANA AND AMPHETAMINES. INTEREST HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO THE EMBASSY BOTH BY PRIVATE INTERESTS AND THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN LEARNING WAYS IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES CAN ASSIST SIERRA LEONE TO MEET THIS PROBLEM. A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONTROL OF DRUG ABUSE, DRAWING MEMBERS FROM THE LEGAL, MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL WELFARE AND RELIGIOUS SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THE POLICE, HAS BEEN RECENTLY FORMED. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION HAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR SUPPORT IN FORM OF FILMS AND LITERATURE FOR NEXT MEETING APRIL 2 AND WOULD PROBABLY BE RECEPTIVE TO ADDITIONAL HELP, FROM SPEAKERS TO ACTUAL ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING PROGRAMS, FOR FURTHER ACTIVITIES.

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2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT HOW WE CAN BE FORTHCOMING. HAVE ON HAND BNDD SOURCE GUIDE FOR DRUG ABUSE INFORMATION BUT NO UPDATED CONTENTS SINCE ORIGINAL ISSUANCE, APPARENTLY EARLY 1972.

3. EMBASSY PLANS TO USE INTEREST EXPRESSED PARA 1 IN ENCOURAGING SIERRA LEONEAN ADHERENCE TO CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (FREETOWN 402). SAMUELS

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